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Sir:

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of a Search Report from the Finnish Patent Office in the priority application and the International Search Report are enclosed. Copies of the citations which were not included in the International Search Report are enclosed.

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